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### KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

*Saturday, the 27th March 1979/Chaitra 6, 1901 S.E.*

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, at Nine of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI P. VENKATARAMANA) in the Chair.

#### STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

##### Refund of Water Tax collected from House-holders in Belgaum

55 SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—Will the Minister for Municiple Administration be pleased to state.—

(a) whether Belgaum Corporation is collecting 17½% consolidated tax from the house-holders of Belgaum ;

(b) whether it is a fact that water tax is included in the consolidated tax ;

(c) whether it is a fact that seperate water tax is also collected by the Corporation from the house-holder of Belgaum ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the District Judge, Belgaum has given a judgement against the double water tax levied by the Corporation on 24th June 1978 ;

(e) whether the Corporation is going to refund the seperate water tax to the house-holders in Belgaum?

SRI H. C. SRIKANTIAH (Minister for Municiple Administration)—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) Against the orders of the District Judge, civil revision petitions are filed in the High Court of Karnataka, Bangalore by the Corporation. Hence the question of adjustment or refund of amount will be considered later.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—The answer to (e) is that against the orders of the District Judge, civil revision petitions are filed in the High Court of Karnataka, Bangalore by the Corporation and hence the question of adjustment or refund of amount will be considered later.

May I know how many civil revision petitions have been filed? You have said 'revision petitions' and not 'revision petition'.

† SRI H. C. SRIKANTAIHAH.—It is a technical matter. Revision petition has been filed.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—There is a Supreme Court order regarding this, and also a judgement. In spite of this, why is the Municipality collecting the double taxes? Will the Government suspend the water tax?

SRI H. C. SRIKANTAIHAH.—Collection of water cess has since been suspended.

#### **Inclusion of Sanitary Board area in Bangalore City Corporation**

67 SRI B. V. RAMACHANDRA REDDY (Varthur).—Will the Minister for Municipality Administration be pleased to state.—

(a) whether any proposal before Government to include Sanitary Board area into the Bangalore City Corporation;

(b) if so, from which date the H.A.L. Sanitary Board will be included into the Corporation limits;

(c) if not, on how the Government intends to provide peoples representatives in the said Board;

(i) is it by nominating members;

(ii) is it by Conducting Elections of members;

(d) if answers c (i) is in the affirmative what are the difficulties before the Government in allowing the public to elect their own representatives as is done in other Municipal areas?

SRI H. C. SRIKANTAIHAH (Minister for Municipality Administration).—

(a) The H.A.L. Sanitary Board area is proposed to be included in the Bangalore City Corporation limits.

(b) No date has been fixed.

(c) People's representation on the Board is existing as per Sanitary Board Rules of Constitution.

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† Indicates that remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.